

**REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the subject application as amended. In response to the Office Action mailed 03/18/08, Applicant is filing this amendment. Claims 1-5, 7-9 and 17-20 are pending.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejections and the Examiner's reasoning thereof, especially in light of the amendment to the pending claims. In the Office Action mailed 03/18/08, the Examiner has rejected claims 4 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, noting "N" and "2N" as undefined. Applicant has amended claims 4 and 19 to recite "N bytes" and "2N bytes" where N is a positive integer. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, rejection.

The Examiner has also rejected claims 1, 2, 5, 7 and 17-18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Weng et al. (U.S. Patent 7,012,926; "Weng") in view of Hazama (U.S. Patent 7,272,147); and claims 10-16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Weng in view of Reid et al. (U.S. Patent 6,115,776; "Reid"). However, the Examiner has noted allowable subject matter in objecting dependent claims 3, 6, 8, 9 and 20.

In response Applicant has canceled claims 6 and 10-16 and amended independent claims 1 and 17 to include allowable subject matter noted in objected claim 6. Applicant submits that the independent claims now recite allowable subject matter which are distinguishable over the cited references. The same argument is put forth herein for the remaining dependent claims.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that the amended claims distinguish over Weng, Hazama and Reid and Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejections.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance and solicits the Examiner for the allowance of pending claims 1-5, 7-9 and 17-20, as amended.

Furthermore, Applicant has amended paragraphs [077] and [0117] to fill in the missing serial numbers and filing dates of the then copending applications. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the amendments to the Specification.

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